

Auburn Planning Board Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2013

Roll Call

Full Members present: Robert Gagnon, Evan Cyr, Dan Bilodeau, Emily Mottram, Robert Bowyer Presiding, Marc Tardif and Dan Philbrick.

Associate Members present: Kenneth Bellefleur.

Associate Members absent: Mia Poliquin Pross

Also present: Director / City Planner Eric Cousens who represented City staff.

Minutes

A request to approve the April 9, 2013 meeting minutes was made by staff.

A motion was made by Robert Gagnon and seconded by Marc Tardif to approve the April 9, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. After a vote of 7-0-0, the motion carried.

Public Hearings:

Public hearing for a recommendation to the City Council on a proposal to amend the City Of Auburn Zoning Ordinance Chapter 60, Article XII, Division 2. Floodplain Overlay District, including the referenced Flood Map. The changes are mandated by FEMA if the City wishes to continue participating in the National Flood Insurance Program to allow property owners to access flood insurance.

Chairperson Bowyer explained the procedure that is used for Public Hearings.

Eric Cousens read the staff report.

Board members commented on the proposed draft stating it was a generic document because it referenced a tidal community and ship building in the language. There was additional conversation between the Planning Board members and Eric regarding the draft.

Open Public Hearing

A motion was made by Dan Bilodeau and seconded by Evan Cyr to close the public hearing. After a vote of 7-0-0, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Dan Bilodeau and seconded by Robert Gagnon to forward a positive recommendation to the City Council to adopt the standards and referenced maps and continue participating in the NFIP and that the effective date of the adopted ordinance coincide with the FEMA date of July 8, 2013.

After a vote of 7-0-0, the motion carried.

Chairperson Bowyer suggested that Eric append to the recommendation a reminder to the City Council of the extensive notification process and the effort that was made by the City to contact the property owners.

OLD BUSINESS: None at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Discussion about the Hickory Drive Zoning Change

Eric placed a map of the area in discussion on the projector screen for the Planning Board members to see. He explained the situation before them and said they did not have to take action at this time. A discussion ensued and it was decided that the Hickory Drive zoning change proposal was worthy of consideration.

Discussion about the Joint Land Use Study

Eric gave the Board members a status of the Joint Land Use Study. He spoke about the Open House that is scheduled for May 29, 2013 and mentioned that the committee would like to come before the Board and Council on June 25, 2013 to present their findings.

Status on Hiring New City Planner & Next Month's Meeting

Eric gave a brief update on the prospect of hiring a City Planner and informed the Board members about next month's Public Hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Robert Gagnon and seconded by Emily Mottram to adjourn. After a vote of 7-0-0, the motion carried.